

# BILL INFORMATION FOR HB1212

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### **Fiscal Note**

No fiscal note for this bill.

### **Votes**

No House Votes on HB1212

No Senate Votes on SB1094

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This bill requires the county commission of each county with more than one division of its general sessions court to designate one division as the domestic violence division by September 1, 2009. The existing personnel and clerk will continue to staff the division that is designated as the domestic violence division. Any division of a general sessions court that is designated as a domestic violence division will have exclusive jurisdiction over domestic violence, orders of protection, domestic assault, and all other cases incident to domestic abuse.

HOUSE BILL 1212

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,  
Chapter 15, Part 50, relative to domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 15, Part 50, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

Section 16-15-5014.

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(b) The domestic violence division may retain concurrent jurisdiction over other types of cases but it shall have exclusive jurisdiction over matters involving domestic violence, orders of protection, domestic assault and all other cases incident to domestic abuse as defined in § 36-3-601.

(c) The domestic violence division shall be staffed by the same personnel, including the general sessions court clerk, as is currently staffing the various divisions of the general sessions court of that county.

(d) The county legislative body of each applicable county shall designate a domestic violence division of general sessions court as required by this section by September 1, 2009. Once designated, the domestic violence division shall commence hearing all domestic violence cases no later than thirty (30) days following the designation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



SENATE BILL 1094

By Stanley

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